Ports is envisaged under a comprehensive policy for the Maritime Sector. The policy is yet to be approved by the Government. Since it is planned to delegate powers of the Ministry in part to the proposed new office of the Directorate-General of Ports, it would help the Ports to get faster decisions on many issues, and it would not hamper or slow down administrative action.

Waterway proposals from Maharashtra Government

†433. SHRI RS. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have sent 13 proposals to the Inland Watenways Authority for its approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would accord approval to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The details are enclosed as statement. (See *below).*

(c) Five proposals costing Rs. 17.59 crore have already been approved by the Central Government during the financial year 2003-04 and an advance amounting to Rs. 3.36 crore has been released to the State Government. The remaining ones are under examination with Inland Wa-tenways Authority of India.

Statement

Details of proposals of Govt, of Maharashtra under Centrally Sponsored Scheme

(in Rs. crore)

A	Proposals approved in 2003-04	Cost
1	Development of inland waterways from South Mumbai to Amba river/Dharamtar creek at Mandwa & vice *versa*	4.11
2	Development of inland waterways from South Mumabi to Amba river/Dharamtar creek at Karanja & *vice versa*	4.82

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

3	Development of inland waterways from Mhasia/ Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Rajpuri	4.69
4	Development of inland waterways from Mhasia/ Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Janjir fort	-1.25
5	Development of inland water from transport in Godavari river near Vishnupuri project, district Nanded	2.72
	Sub total 'A'=	17.59
B	Proposals undere examination during 2004-05	
1	Development of in land waterways from South Mumbai to Amba river/Dharamtar creek at Rewas & *vice versa*	2.97
2	Development of inland waterways from Mhasia/ Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Agardanda	3.35
3	Development of inland waterways from Mhasia/ Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Dighi	4.99
4	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project at Isapur, District Yavatmal	3.91
5	Development of inland water transport across Mumbai harbour (ferrywharf to Nerul & vice versa)	67.00
6	Development of amenities jetties at Elephente, Konkan coast and creeks along Konkan coast (Jaigad Sangemeshwar, Tarkarii—Kalaval)	8.00
7	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project along Koyna backwater	5.00
8	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project along Arunavati river at taluka Digras, district Yavatmal	5.00
	Sub-total 'B'=	00.22
	Grand Total=	117.81